

Downtown Parking Advisory Committee

Friday, January 9, 2015 9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Committee Purpose, Scope and Function
2. Review and Consideration of Republic Parking Recommendation to Charge for Saturday Parking at Pickering Square Garage (see attached Memo)
3. Review and Consideration of Proposed Temporary Loading and Unloading Zones (see attached Memo)
4. Review and Consideration of Additional Handicapped Parking Space on Park Street (see attached Memo)

MEMORANDUM



TO: Downtown Parking Advisory Committee
FROM: Jason Bird, Community & Economic Development Officer
DATE: December 11, 2014

Implementing Fee for Saturday Parking In Pickering Square Garage

As a part of its annual report to the City, Republic Parking, the City's contractor for parking management in Downtown and at the Airport, recommended that the City start charging for parking on Saturdays. The suggestion was not to increase revenue, but rather as a way to cover the cost of staffing the facility as use continues to increase. The recommendation would be to implement the existing parking cost structure to the day.

Below is an excerpt from Republic's report. Parke Clemons from Republic Parking will be at the meeting to discuss the recommendation in more detail.

The Garage started opening Saturdays in 2004 in response to the opening of the Maine Discovery Museum. It was launched as free parking as a way to promote usage. In the early days an average of 24 transient cars parked on a Saturday. For the first 6 months of 2014, an average of 63 cars use the Garage.

One of the challenges of being open for free parking is that we have no one on staff in the Garage during the day. This leaves the facility vulnerable and without assistance if there is a problem. It is our recommendation that [the] we institute the same rate structure that we use for the rest of the week. We would use the additional revenues to staff the Garage during this period of time.

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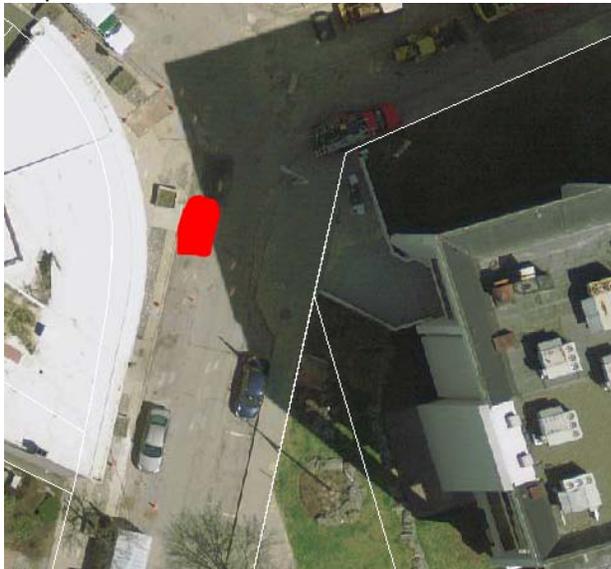
Creation of 15 minute parking spots

The Downtown Parking District does not currently have 15 minute parking spots for noncommercial use. With the recent growth of Downtown, the City has received numerous requests for a shorter timed spot to allow patrons and even employees to quickly come and go.

To address these requests, City staff is proposing that three existing spaces be converted to 15 minute parking. These spaces would be located on Broad Street, another on Central Street, and the third one would be converting a commercial loading and unloading zone on Columbia Street. Spaces that are restricted to commercial loading and unloading require the user to have a commercial or combination license plate.

The exact location of the parking spots may change slightly, depending on the ability to locate/place a sign pole that specifies that spot's time limit.

Proposed Broad Street Location:



Proposed Central Street Location:



Proposed Columbia Street Location:



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Additional Handicapped Parking Space on Park St.

Pepino's Mexican Restaurant, an established restaurant in Bangor, is relocating to 47 Park Street (where Luna Bar & Grill was formerly located). The owners of Pepino's have asked the City to consider adding a handicapped parking spot in close proximity to their new location to meet its patron's needs.

The closest handicapped parking spot on Park Street is approximately 250 feet up the hill in front of the Tarratine Club. Therefore, there is value in converting an existing non-restricted parking space to a handicapped only parking space to meet the needs of the business.

City staff supports the requested conversion and recommends its passage to the Business & Economic Development Committee.

Attachment: Aerial of Park Street identifying location and proposed handicapped parking space.

